

YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

GRANT AWARDS

Residential Substance Abuse and Treatment (RSAT) – Funds awarded by the Montana Board of Crime Control. This grant allows YSD to train staff in:

- White Bison Medicine Wheel Treatment programming to our youth correctional facilities, this is culturally specific to Native American offenders with substance abuse problems.
- Harvey Milkman's Pathways to Change program has a strong emphasis on methamphetamine treatment.
- Purchase and train staffs in the Trauma Checklist System for Adolescents (TSCA), a trauma impact instrument that will help staff intervene with critical items such as suicide, substance abuse risky sexual behavior, aggression, hallucinations, prior abuse and bingeing and purging disorders.
- Purchase of urinalysis test cups will allow both facilities to conduct random testing on offenders involved in treatment.
- Funds will also allow families to visit the facilities and become familiar with the treatment and staff their child is involved with.
- Aftercare treatment for offenders who are in the Youth Transitional Centers will be provided for offender for up to one year after release from the facilities.

Montana Highway Traffic Safety Office – Funds awarded by the Montana Department of Transportation's Highway Traffic Safety Office. The grant allows the YSD to implement "**Driving Risks**"; curriculum's lesson plans **focus on drinking and driving, not wearing seatbelts, speeding and additional unsafe behaviors associated with youth who drive or engage in risky behaviors.**

Montana is the first state to use Highway Traffic Safety dollars in secure care youth correctional facilities.

Office of Public Instruction – Indian Education for All – The Montana Department of Correction's YSD is a local education agency that operates two fully accredited schools, Riverside Youth Correctional Facility and Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility. Funding will help YSD develop and teach students about the unique heritage of Montana's Indians in a culturally responsive manner. Schools will develop a speaker's list of persons to come and be guests in their classes, a "Native Plants" garden and a Medicine Wheel flower garden will be planted at each facility.

Office of Public Instruction – Significant Needs Funding – Riverside and Pine Hills schools were award funds to address the unique educational needs of the students that they serve. Schools purchased special education science, social studies and reading textbooks to address the needs of youth whose test scores were below average for their grade level.

U.S. Department of Education – Improving Literacy Through School Libraries -

JUST READ IT!

Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility, a fully accredited LEA, received funds to improve student reading and academic achievement by enhancing the school library services and resources. Funds will enhance the school's library – both its services and resources, in order to become an information and technological resource for students, teachers, and staff.

The following will be implemented with these funds

- Purchase Accelerated Reader software (AR), including the STAR Reading software.
- Contract a part-time library media specialist.
- Purchase software for total library automation, create an automated cataloging system,
- Purchase software to simulate an Internet environment,
- Purchase five (5) computers and one (1) network printer
- Create a sustained silent reading "class". This project will increase reading, academic achievement and critical thinking skills.

U.S. Department of Education – Rural Education Achievement Program - REAP

initiatives are designed to help rural districts that may lack the personnel and resources to compete effectively for Federal competitive grants and that often receive grant allocations in amounts that are too small to be effective in meeting their intended purposes.

Riverside Youth Correctional Facility will enhance their school's library services with these funds by purchasing more up to date reading materials, an automated cataloging system, and furniture for the library and new computers for both teachers and student's use. Additional funds will be used to purchase new text books to effectively education the students at their educational levels.